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SUBJ: CANADIAN VIEWS ON AID TO ITALY

1. TORONTO STAR ON JULY 21 CARRIED STORY SOURCED TO SPOKESMAN FOR PRIMIN TRUDEAU TO EFFECT THAT CANADA WOULD NOT JOIN OTHER WESTERN NATIONS IN DENYING ECONOMIC AID TO ITALY IF COMMUNISTS ARE INCLUDED IN NEW ITALIAN CABINET. STORY ALSO QUOTED CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AS STATING THAT FRG, US, FRANCE AND UK WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN LOAN RESCUE OPERATION IF COMMUNISTS ALLOWED INTO GOI. ARTICLE QUOTED TRUDEAU'S SPOKESMAN AS STATING THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT.

2. DCM QUERIED TRUDEAU'S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER IVAN HEAD, WHO ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN SOURCE OF COMMENT BUT ASSERTED THAT REPORTER HAD GROSSLY DISTORTED HIS REMARKS. REPORTER HAD ASKED HEAD TO COMMENT ON NEWS
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REPORTS OF SCHMIDT'S REFERENCE TO SUCH AGREEMENT.

HEAD DEANIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED DURING PUERTO RICO MEETINGS. WHEN ASKED FOR GOC VIEWS OF ANY SUCH HYPOTHETICAL ARRANGEMENT, HEAD SAID HE HAD SIMPLY REFERRED REPORTER TO STATEMENT MADE BY EXTAFF MINISTER MACEACHEN PRIOR TO ITALIAN ELECTIONS TO EFFECT THAT GOC WOULD NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN INTERNAL ITALIAN POLITICAL DECISIONS.

3. COMMENT: SCHMIDT HAS JUST ARRIVED IN OTTAWA FOR WORKING DINNER WITH TRUDEAU ON JULY 21. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF THE SUBJECT IS DISCUSSED DURING SCHMIDT VISIT. MEANTIME, TORONTO STAR ARTICLE SHOULD BE SEEN AS ATTEMPT OF ENTERPRISING REPORTER TO GENERATE SOME SCHMIDT-RELATED COPY.
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